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## DECLARATION

I, Joseph Lapp, hereby declare that:

- 1. I am a named inventor of the U.S. Patent application identified above ("the present application").
- 2. I have read and understood the reference referred to by the examiner in the Office action of February 27, 2003 as "Goldfarb et al," which is an excerpt from a publication entitled "The XML Handbook."
- 3. I did write this portion of the Goldfarb et al publication, and provided all substantive content of this portion of the publication. I did so at a time after the invention claimed in the present application was made, so that the substantive content of this publication excerpt reflects contributions from all of the co-inventors of the present application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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